

Montana Board of Milk Control
Meeting Minutes – Time Stamp Record to Accompany Meeting Recording

March 31, 2017 10:00 a.m.
Public Service Commission – Bollinger Room
1701 Prospect Avenue; Helena, Montana

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Lunch break scheduled 12:00 – 12:45 p.m. (lunch will be provided)

PUBLIC MEETING

Call to Order

Chairperson Scott Mitchell called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. in the Bollinger Room at the Public Service Commission; 1701 Prospect Avenue; Helena, Montana.

Attendance

Board Members:

	Present	Absent
W. Scott Mitchell, Chair	X	
Jerrold A. Weissman, Vice Chair	X	
Brian Beerman	X	
R. James Parker	X	
Erik Somerfeld	X	

Montana Department of Livestock Staff:

Chad Lee, Bureau Chief, Milk Control Bureau
Mark Curtis, Dairy Accountant, Milk Control Bureau
Linda Grady, Auditor, Milk Control Bureau
Rob Stutz, Montana Department of Justice, Agency Legal Services (attorney representing the Montana Department of Livestock)

Guests:

Rob Adamson, Meadow Gold
Sue Brown, Almatheia Organic Dairy / Board of Livestock
Tony Denio, Meadow Gold
Krista Lee Evans, Montana Milk Producers Association
Sam Hofer, Surprise Creek Colony / Producer Committee
Tim Huls, Huls Dairy / Producer Committee
Joe Kleinsasser, Mountain View Colony
Mark Kleinsasser, Mountain View Colony / Producer Committee
Shane Leep, Leep Dairy
David Lewis, Big Creek Dairy / Northwest Dairy Association
David Miller, Montana Correctional Enterprises Dairy / Producer Committee
Bud Rowley, Rowley Trucking
Ken Rowley, Rowley Trucking
Steven Rowley, Rowley Trucking
Peter Stahl, Deerfield Colony
Ed Waldner, Riverview Colony / Board of Livestock
Andy P. Wipf, Big Sky Colony / Producer Committee
Ike Wurz, Cascade Colony
Ruben A. Wurz, Big Stone Colony / Producer Committee

AGENDA ITEM	TIME STAMP
ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTIONS	0:00 – 1:22 6:28 – 7:17
I. MINUTES	
<p>Motion: Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Beerman seconded a motion to approve the time stamp document and audio recording minutes of the January 6, 2017 Board of Milk Control meeting. The motion carried. All members voted in favor.</p>	<p>7:17 – 9:33</p> <p>Motion 7:52 – 9:33</p>
II. UNFINISHED BUSINESS & GENERAL ORDERS	
<p>A. Proposed Rulemaking (classes of utilization, surplus, restructuring, milk equivalent conversion factors)</p> <p>Public Comment (Classes of Utilization and Surplus Rulemaking): The following individuals spoke on these rulemaking topics: Rob Adamson and David Lewis.</p> <p>Public Comment (Restructuring: Conceptual Definition of “Dairy Animal”): The following individuals spoke on this topic: Susan Brown and Ed Waldner.</p> <p>Public Comment (Milk Equivalent Conversion Factors): The following individuals spoke on this topic: Ed Waldner and Rob Adamson.</p> <p>Motion: Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Somerfeld seconded a motion to postpone rulemaking on milk equivalent conversion factors. The motion carried. All members voted in favor.</p> <p>Lunch Break (12:09 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.)</p>	<p>II.A. 9:33 – 2:05:20</p> <p>Public Comment 45:25 – 57:47</p> <p>Public Comment 1:27:09 – 1:37:02</p> <p>Public Comment 2:01:32 – 2:02:16</p> <p>Motion 2:01:07 – 2:01:32 2:02:16 – 2:02:52</p> <p>Lunch Break Not recorded</p>
<p>B. Proposed Montana Milk Industry Study</p> <p>Public Comment: The following individuals spoke on this topic: Tim Huls, David Lewis, Ed Waldner, and Rob Adamson.</p> <p>Motion: Mr. Somerfeld moved and Mr. Parker seconded a motion to direct staff to draft a request for proposal for the study for the board to consider and approve at a future date, using the five points presented at the meeting and this meeting’s public comment. The motion carried. All members voted in favor.</p> <p>Break (2:22 p.m. – 2:36 p.m.)</p>	<p>II.B. 2:05:20 – 3:25:13</p> <p>Public Comment 2:35:53 – 3:21:14</p> <p>Motion 3:21:10 – 3:22:40</p> <p>Break Not recorded</p>

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C. Consideration of Montana Class III Price Formula Public Comment (consideration of Montana class III price formula): The following individuals spoke on this topic: Rob Adamson, David Lewis, Ed Waldner, and Tim Huls.	II.C. 3:25:13 – 4:10:12 Public Comment 3:44:09 – 4:03:17 4:06:02 – 4:10:12
III. NEW BUSINESS	
A. Milk Control Bureau Report (Chad Lee)	III.A. 4:10:12 – 4:19:45
1. Financial Report	III.A.1. 4:10:38 – 4:11:53
2. 2017 Legislative Session	III.A.2. 4:11:53 – 4:16:21
3. Bulk Milk Movement and Transportation Charges paid by Pool	III.A.3. 4:16:21 – 4:18:28
IV. OTHER NEW BUSINESS	IV. 4:19:45 – 4:20:08 NO OTHER NEW BUSINESS
V. PUBLIC COMMENT Krista Lee Evans updated the board on the status of HB325 (Raw milk bill sponsored by Representative Nany Ballance) and HB352 (Food freedom act bill sponsored by Representative Greg Hertz). Both bills were tabled at the time of the meeting. Ed Waldner and Rob Adamson discussed the possibility that Meadow Gold's Great Falls plant may bottle organic milk in the future. Discussion occurred regarding how such activity would operate under current administrative rules and whether amendments to administrative rules would be necessary or beneficial.	V. 1:22 – 6:27 4:20:08 - 4:34:35
VI. ADJOURNMENT Chair Scott Mitchell and the board tentatively scheduled the next board meeting to be telephonic and held the last week in April. Motion: Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Beerman seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion carried. All members voted in favor. Mr. Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 3:53 p.m.	VI. 4:34:35 – 4:41:38 Motion 4:41:32 – 4:41:38

Time stamps were recorded during the meeting and reviewed and adjusted by bureau staff.

REVIEWED BY
(Initials):

MC Mark Curtis, Dairy Accountant, Milk Control Bureau

CPL Chad Lee, Bureau Chief, Milk Control Bureau